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TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON TO CAIRO

REF: (A) STATE 94342, (B) CAIRO 5208

1. ABU ISMAIL WAS BUSY ALL DAY YESTERDAY IN CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING, BUT I MANAGED MEETHIM THIS MORNING TO CONFIRM THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE FLYING DIRECTLY TO LUXOR, SUBJECT TO WORKING OUT SATISFACTORY ONWARD ARRANGEMENTS. ABU ISMAIL EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE. HE UNDERTOOK TO ARRANGE NECESSARY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN LUXOR FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS. ROBINSON, HORMATS AND EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR NIGHTS OF APRIL 29 AND 30. HE SAYS HE WILL ALSO ARRANGE AIR TRANSPORT TO CAIRO ON MAY 1. MEETINGS WITH GOE OFFICIALS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR LATE AFTERNOON MAY 1 AND PERHAPS EARLY MAY 2, DEPENDING UPON WHEN DEPUTY SECRETARY MUST LEAVE.

2. I POINTED OUT TO ABU ISMAIL THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ROOMS IN LUXOR. I DID NOT KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW MANY SY MEN WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OR BE DEPLOYED IN ADVANCE. THERE MIGHT ALSO BE A NEED FOR OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ZAIRAN AIRCRAFT CREW, WHICH WILL FLY DEPUTY SECRETARY TO LUXOR. ABU ISMAIL ASKED THAT I LET HIM KNOW SOONEST HOW MANY ROOMS WILL BE NEEDED SINCE LUXOR HOTELS CONTINUE TO BE HEAVILY BOOKED FOR APRIL AND MAY. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP NUMBER OF SY AGENTS ACCOMPANYING DEPUTY SECRETARY AND, IF ZAIRAN CREW IS TO BE ACCOMMODATED, CONFIDENTIAL

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3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ABU ISMAIL SPEAKS OF MAKING SAME KIND OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY VISIT TO LUXOR AS WERE MADE FOR SECRETARY SIMON, FACT IS IT WAS EMBASSY, NOT GOE, WHICH MADE THOSE ARRANGEMENTS. SINCE THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE FULL DAY TO SEE LUXOR ANTIQUITIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE WIELY SCATTERED, CAREFUL PLANNING IS NECESSARY TO MAXIMIZE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S TIME AND TO INSURE THAT NOTHING GOES AWRY.

4. I AM DESIGNATING A/DCM EDWARD PECK AS CONTROL OFFICER. HE WILL DEVELOP LUXOR PROGRAM AND BE IN LUXOR TO RECEIVE AND ESCORT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY. IF AGREEABLE TO DEPUTY SECRETARY, I THIK IT IS BETTER THAT I REMAIN IN CAIRO TO INSURE THAT MAY 1 TALKS ARE PROPERLY SCHEDULED.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL ALSO BE NEEDED FOR NIGHT OF MAY 1. CORDIALLY INVITE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS. ROBINSON STAY AT RESIDENCE. GIVEN SMALLNESS OF THOSE QUARTERS, HOWEVER, I WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND IF ROBINSONS PREFER A HOTEL SUITE. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. FINALLY, PURSUANT STATE 095987 JUST RECEIVED, I WILL ASK FAHMY ABOUT POSSIBILITY GOE FURNISHING AN AIRCRAFT TO FLY FROM CAIRO TO NAIROBI ON MAY 2. WILL ADVISE RESULTS ASAP.
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